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The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

The Vice President
President of the Senate
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. President, Mr. Vice President, and Mr. Speaker:

I am honored to transmit the 29th annual report of the United States National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) covering October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000 (FY 2000). This report is submitted in accordance 20 U.S.C. 1504(a)(7).

It is with both regret and pride that I submit this report as chairperson of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. The regret is from the loss of Jeanne Hurley Simon who served as the chairperson from November 16, 1993 until her death from cancer on February 20, 2000. The pride is from the opportunity to serve as chairperson, especially during the year that marks the thirtieth anniversary of the establishment of the Commission.

The Commission continued to focus on the importance of library and information services in an electronic environment. An NCLIS study discovered in 1994 that only one in five public library systems was connected to the Internet. Based on our most recent Internet Connectivity Study, we now know that more than 95 percent of public libraries, including branches, are connected. In spite of the improved connectivity in libraries, there continues to be a "digital divide" separating those who have access to technology and those that do not. Therefore, at its April meeting, NCLIS examined the digital divide and the role of the Commission. Also, during this past year, the Commission studied the dissemination of government information, the role of school libraries, public libraries, and the federal government as related to literacy and information literacy.

In August 1999, Secretary of Commerce William Daley announced the proposed closure of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) and the transfer of some of its functions to other agencies. Realizing there were far-reaching implications, NCLIS immediately began a review of the facts to determine the effect of the proposal. In March 2000, after hearing from public and private stakeholders with an interest in the issue, the Commission submitted its recommendations in a report, *Preliminary Assessment of the Proposed Closure of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS): A Report to the President and the Congress*.

In June 2000, after reviewing the report, Senator John McCain requested that NCLIS do a comprehensive assessment of the federal government's public information dissemination policies and practices. He asked the Commission to broaden the scope of the project to include among other things, the need for new or revised laws, rules, regulations, and the need for strengthening other key components of the overall federal information dissemination infrastructure. In July, Senator Joseph Lieberman asked the Commission to add to its review certain sections of the Paperwork Reduction Act and the viability of maintaining NTIS as a centralized fully electronic repository of federal scientific and technical information accessible via the Internet. The final recommendations reflecting the results of the comprehensive assessment became available in late January 2001.

It has been an honor to serve as Chairperson of the United States National Commission on Libraries and Information Science during a period of such interesting and important activities. I look forward with enthusiasm to working with you and new appointees to the Commission in the months ahead.

Sincerely,



Martha B. Gould
NCLIS Chairperson

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Non Omnia Sed Bona et Bene
Not all things, but good things and well done

UNOFFICIAL MOTTO OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON
LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

1999-2000 HIGHLIGHTS

The key statutory functions of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) can be summarized as follows:

1. NCLIS *discovers the needs* of the people of the U.S. for library and information services.
2. NCLIS *translates those needs* into recommended national policy for meeting the needs of the people of the U.S. for library and information services.
3. NCLIS *advises* the President, the Congress, state and local governments and others on implementation of national policy.

NCLIS is not a regulatory or operating agency. To carry out its functions, NCLIS conducts hearings, studies, surveys and analyses of the nation's library and information needs, appraises the adequacies and deficiencies of the current library and information resources and research and development activities, and issues publications. These activities support the development of policy advice and recommendations to the President and the Congress.

The Commission is composed of two statutory members, the Librarian of Congress and the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (who serves as an ex officio, nonvoting member), and 14 members appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Five Commissioners are professional librarians or information specialists, and the remainder are individuals with special competence in or knowledge of the needs of the people of the U.S. for library and information services.

A major initiative for 1999-2000 was the assessment of federal government information dissemination policies and procedures. When Secretary of Commerce William J. Daley announced in August 1999 that the Department of Commerce intended to close the National Technical Information Service, NCLIS began its review of the significance and the effect of the decision. Hearings were held and stakeholder opinions were solicited to determine the facts and analyze the possible repercussions that might result from such a proposal. In March 2000, the Commission issued its recommendation in the report, *Preliminary Assessment of the Proposed Closure of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS): A Report to the President and the Congress*. The recommendations are listed on page 13.

In June 2000, after reading the report, Senator John McCain requested an additional, comprehensive assessment of the federal government's public information dissemination policies and practices. The new study was broader in scope to include recommendations for new or revised laws or regulations, how to strengthen the overall federal information dissemination infrastructure and the future of NTIS. In July 2000, Senator Joseph Lieberman also added to the scope. He asked the Commission to include a review of certain sections of the Paperwork Reduction Act and the viability of maintaining NTIS as a centralized fully electronic repository of federal scientific and technical information. Four panels of independent experts were assembled to study four separate areas related to the issues under review. NCLIS studied the panel reports and integrated the recommendations for a report delivered in January 2001.

The theme for the Commission's FY 2000 programs remained the importance of library and information services in the electronic networked environment. This was also a year focused on planning for future Commission activities. The NCLIS action plan, *Addressing the Library and Information Service Needs of the Nation*, continued to be the tool used for establishing priorities.

The Commission examined the role of school libraries, public libraries, and the federal government as related to literacy and information literacy. Experts involved in literacy programs were invited to make presentations to define the issues and to showcase projects that have been successful.

Another issue that continued to concern the Commission was the Digital Divide. At its April meeting, experts in the technology area of the "divide" were invited to explain how technology, or the lack of it, affects those segments of society without online access. The Commission, through staff, then became actively involved in a task group to coordinate the establishment of a database of Community Access Points or Technology Access Points. The project has been carried forward as a non-profit/government/private sector initiative with limited Commission involvement.

NCLIS completed a feasibility study of a State Library Agency Customer Satisfaction Survey. A representative sample of Chiefs of State Library Agencies (COSLA) was interviewed to test the survey instrument. The results were forwarded to the National Committee on Education Statistics (NCES) for review and funding consideration.

International activities continued through the administration of State Department funds to support international library and archival activities, and Commission participation in the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). NCLIS began a series of regular meetings with key UNESCO officials as well as members of the U.S. Permanent Observer Mission to UNESCO in Paris, France. NCLIS designated another 92 participants in *Sister Libraries: A White House Millennium Council Project* to bring the number of U.S. designated libraries to 145.

As part of its responsibility for advising the director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) on policies related to financial assistance for library services, and for ensuring that IMLS policies are coordinated with other activities of the federal government, NCLIS participated in joint meetings with the National Museum Services Board (NMSB). Commissioners reviewed proposals and made recommendations for the first National Awards for Library Service awarded in April 2000. Commissioners also continued to participate in the evaluation and revision of the process for the federal grants awarded by IMLS for libraries and information services.

1999-2000 COMMISSION MEETINGS

During FY 2000, the Commission held four official meetings. The following list identifies selected Commission actions, activities and issues discussed during each meeting.

November 3-5, 1999, Washington, DC

- Information Professionals for the Twenty-first Century
- Public Access to Government Information
- Survey of International Library and Information Science Policy
- Library and Information Services for Individuals With Disabilities
- "Kids and the Internet: The Promise and the Perils"
- Third Joint Meeting, NCLIS and National Museum Services Board

February 17-18, 2000, Los Angeles, California

- Future of the National Technical Information Service
- Role of school libraries, public libraries, and the federal government in the areas of literacy and information literacy
- Resolution to support the U.S. rejoining UNESCO
- Review of entries for the First National Awards for Library Service

April 10-11, Washington, DC

- Digital Divide and the Role of the Commission
- NCLIS Strategic Plan
- NCLIS 30th Anniversary Celebration

September 15, Washington, DC

- Presentation of the results of the 2000 Public Library Internet Study
- ISTA Reauthorization
- Update of *Sister Libraries: A White House Millennium Council Project*
- Update on the Assessment of Federal Government Information and the Future of the National Technical Information Service
- Fourth Joint Meeting, NCLIS and National Museum Services Board

1970-2000 HIGHLIGHTS OF NCLIS ACTIVITIES

From its beginning in 1970 through 2000, the Commission has been dedicated to the process of seeing that library and information services are adequate to meet the needs of the people of the United States to achieve national goals. The following list highlights the activities that were undertaken by the Commission to meet directions given to it by Congress when NCLIS was established.

- 2000** Report on *Preliminary Assessment of the Proposed Closure of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS)*
Beginning comprehensive assessment of public access to government information
Role of school libraries, public libraries, and the federal government in the area of literacy and information literacy
Sixth study of public libraries and the Internet: *Public Libraries and the Internet 2000 Summary Findings and Data Tables*
Resolution to support the United States joining UNESCO
- 1999** Resolution on the need for libraries to have written acceptable use policies for Internet access by children
Hearing on *Kids and the Internet: The Promise and the Perils* and publication of a brochure providing practical guidelines for librarians and library trustees
Hearing on *Library and Information Services for Individuals with Disabilities*
Creation of *Sister Libraries: A White House Millennium Council Project*
- 1998** Development of the Commission action plan for 1998-2000: *Addressing the Library and Information Services Needs of the Nation*
Report on the Assessment of Electronic Government Information Products
Resolution on *The Important Role of Libraries in the Lives of America's Children*
Fifth study of public libraries and the Internet: *Moving Toward More Effective Public Internet Access*
- 1997** Beginning of study commissioned by the U.S. Government Printing Office to assess standards for the creation, dissemination, and permanent accessibility of electronic government information products
Fourth study of public libraries and the Internet: *The 1997 National Survey of Public Libraries and the Internet*
- 1996** Hearing on *Libraries, Interactive Services and the Information Superhighway*
Third study of public libraries and the Internet: *The 1996 National Survey of Public Libraries and the Internet*

- 1995 Advice to Congress and the Administration on changes to the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA)
Second study of public libraries and the Internet: *Internet Costs and Cost Models for Public Libraries*
- 1994 First study of public libraries and the Internet: *Public Libraries and the Internet*
- 1993 Forums on library and information services to children and young adults
- 1992 Completion of investigation into library and information services for Native Americans
- 1991 Second White House Conference on Library and Information Services
- 1990 Adoption of Principles of Public Information
- 1989 Co-sponsorship of symposium on Information Literacy and Education for the 21st Century
- 1988 NCES and NCLIS establish Federal-State Cooperative Statistics (FSCS) program for public library data
- 1987 Adoption of Glenelg Declaration, trilateral (U.S., U.K., Canada) statement on the role of information in the economy
- 1986 Agreement with ACTION to promote library and information services to elderly
- 1985 Coordination of joint congressional hearing on changing information needs of rural America
- 1984 Report on information policy implications of archiving satellite data
- 1983 Start of partnership with State Department to further international programs in library, information and archival areas
- 1982 Issuance of proceedings of hearings and report on library and information services to cultural minorities
- 1981 Analysis of Public Sector/Private Sector Interaction in Providing Information Services
- 1980 Oversight hearings on the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA)
- 1979 First White House Conference on Library and Information Services
- 1978 Co-sponsorship of institutes on consulting skills for state library personnel
- 1977 Examination of the role of school libraries in a national network, computer network protocols, and standardization efforts for library services

- 1976 Issuance of *National Inventory of Library Needs* and report on role of the Library of Congress in a national network
- 1975 Work with Congress, Register of Copyrights and others to resolve copyright issues and revise legislation
- 1974 Study of continuing library education needs of library personnel
- 1973 Hearings to develop a national program for library and information services
- 1972 Study of applications of new technology to library and information services
- 1971 First meeting of the Commission on September 20-21
- 1970 Enactment of Public Law 91-345, establishing the Commission



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Senator Paul Simon joins Commission personnel at the Sister Libraries tea in Chicago during the American Library Association conference. He was in Chicago to accept an ALA tribute to his late wife, NCLIS Chair Jeanne Hurley Simon. Shown, left to right, are Winston Tabb, Joan Challinor, Senator Paul Simon, Martha Gould, Rebecca Bingham, Jack Hightower, Abe Abramson, and Robert Willard.

The Commission uses an Action Plan Template to evaluate both new and ongoing projects, studies, and programs. The NCLIS action plan, *Addressing the Library and Information Services Needs of the Nation*, was developed in 1998 to focus the Commission's energies and establish its priorities through the year 2000. The plan was created as a living document and has changed over time.

In January 2000, the Executive Committee met to review and redefine priorities as outlined in the template. A revised plan was presented for consideration to the full Commission at the meeting in February. Reflecting the original intent of preparing the plan, there was further review and discussion at the Commission meeting in April to assess progress and determine if priorities had changed.

**National Commission on
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ACTION PLAN TEMPLATE

All Commission projects, studies, and programs operate within a template composed of the following questions:

1. What does the Commission wish to accomplish?
2. How can the Commission best achieve its goal?
3. Are other organizations working toward this goal and, if so, can the Commission work in partnership with them?
4. Who will benefit from this activity? How can the Commission make sure that its final results are useful?
5. What funds and other resources are required? Are the resources available and, if not, where can they be obtained?
6. How can the Commission determine when its objective has been reached?

ADVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT

The Commission shall advise the President and the Congress [and appropriate governments and agencies] on the implementation of national policy by such statements, presentations, and reports as it deems appropriate. [20 U.S.C. 1504]

THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

In FY 2000, NCLIS responded to all inquiries from Congress on legislation related to library and information services. In addition, NCLIS took the initiative and offered information and comments when appropriate.

Among the initiatives of this fiscal year, was the distribution to every member of Congress of a copy of the record of the Commission hearing entitled *Kids and the Internet: The Promise and the Perils*. Also, based on the findings from the same hearing, the Commission offered comments on the filtering legislation that was being considered during the 106th Congress.

Following the announcement by the Department of Commerce of its intention to close NTIS and transfer some of its functions to the Library of Congress, NCLIS began discussions with the Congressional oversight committees and various stakeholders to seek an appropriate resolution in the context of overall policy regarding public access to government information. The Commission prepared the *Preliminary Assessment of the Proposed Closure of the National Technical Information Services (NTIS)*. A copy of the Commission's report and recommendations was published in March and delivered to the Congress and the President. Detailed information about the assessment is provided on page 11.

After reviewing the preliminary assessment, Senator John McCain and Senator Joseph Lieberman each sent a written request to NCLIS asking for a more in-depth review. The assessment was expanded at the senators' request to include a government-wide assessment of current policies and procedures. The Commission was asked to include recommendations for new or revised laws, rules and regulations that would improve the function and strengthen the overall federal information dissemination infrastructure. NCLIS was asked to study the feasibility of maintaining NTIS as a centralized, fully electronic repository of federal scientific and technical information. Additionally, it was to review certain sections of the Paperwork Reduction Act that may need to be revised. This request was made because the Governmental Affairs Committee will be considering the law's reauthorization in the 107th Congress. The comprehensive assessment continued through the end of the fiscal year with the final report in January 2001.

THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

In carrying out its mission under Section 703 of Public Law 104-208, Title II, the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), NCLIS advised the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) on federal grant programs to libraries. The Commission held two joint meetings of the Commission and the National Museum Services Board (NMSB). Beverly Sheppard, the acting Director of IMLS, updated the Commissioners on IMLS activities and programs.

An NCLIS committee continued to assist IMLS with development of the National Awards for Library Service, and Commissioners were on the evaluation panel that made recommendations for the first annual awards presented in April 2000. The award program was established to recognize extraordinary achievement by libraries in serving the public. The Commission continued to participate in the cycles of drafts, guidelines, plans, feedback, reports, evaluation and revision for the federal grants program for libraries and information services from IMLS.

NCLIS continued to work closely and to meet with officials in a variety of federal agencies. The purpose of the work was to obtain information and provide timely input on national and international policies affecting library and information services. During FY 2000, Commissioners and staff met with officials from the Departments of Education, Labor, Commerce, and State, as well as the Government Printing Office (GPO), Library of Congress, National Agricultural Library (NAL), National Institute for Literacy (NIFL), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB/OIRA), Small Agency Council, and White House Millennium Council, among others. NCLIS met with individuals and attended meetings of the Association of Federal Information Resources Management (AFFIRM), Federal Depository Library Council, Federal Publishers Committee (FPC), Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC), the Interagency Council for Printing and Publication Services (ICPPS), among others.

NCLIS continued to work with the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and the National Institute for Postsecondary Education, Libraries and Lifelong Learning, as well as the Bureau of the Census, to structure, strengthen and shorten cycles of needed and useful data collection (including sample surveys), analysis and research pertaining to libraries and information services.

NCLIS completed the preliminary assessment of the proposed closure of NTIS and produced its report in March 2000. The assessment, while done for the Legislative branch had significance for the Executive branch as well. Many federal agencies depend on NTIS and the Government Printing Office to disseminate their information to the public and to other agencies and would be affected by any decision made at the Department of Commerce concerning NTIS. In its recommendations, NCLIS carefully considered how the proposed closure of NTIS would affect Executive agencies.

COORDINATION WITH NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Commission supports Commissioner and staff participation in conferences in the library and information communities to help ensure that NCLIS has the information it needs about the concerns and activities of these organizations and that their members have the information they need about NCLIS programs and other relevant federal activities. FY 2000 was an active period for meetings and representation at major associations and conferences to formulate, exchange, or convey policy, plans and advice. A selected list of contacts includes: American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), Association of American Publishers (AAP), American Association of School Librarians (AASL), Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), American Library Association (ALA), Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), Association of Research Libraries (ARL), American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIST), Big 12 Plus Library Consortium, Coalition for Networked Information (CNI), International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), Medical Library Association (MLA), National Association of Attorney Generals (NAAG), National Coalition for Literacy, National Forum for Information Literacy, National Information Standards Organization (NISO), Public Library Association (PLA), Software and Information Industry Association (SIIA), Special Libraries Association (SLA), Urban Libraries Council (ULC), and White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce (WHCLIST). Commissioners also attended a number of regional and state library association conferences.

NCLIS continues to strengthen and enlarge its list of official liaisons. The liaisons provide a key link between the Commission and the organizations they represent. The official liaisons are as follows:

- American Association of Law Libraries, Mary Alice Baish
- American Library Association, Emily Sheketoff and Mary Costabile
- American Society for Information Science and Technology, Ann Prentice
- Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, Nancy Bolt
- Software and Information Industry Association, Peyton Neal
- Urban Libraries Council, Eleanor (Joey) Rodger
- White House Conference on Library and Information Services, Sara Jane Cate and Carmine Trotta

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION ACTIVITIES

In August 1999, shortly after the Department of Commerce announced the proposal to close the National Technical Information Services (NTIS) and shift its paper, microfiche, digital archives, and bibliographic database to the Library of Congress, the Commission began a preliminary assessment. The Commission met with senior Departmental officials, as well as staff members of both the Senate and House Committees holding jurisdiction over science and technology issues. All recognized the value of an independent examination of the Commerce proposal, and all participated in the Commission's public and working meetings.

The Commission fulfilled its statutory mandate by bringing together the various stakeholder groups to exchange facts in a free and open environment by holding three public meetings. The first meeting held at the Benton Foundation in Washington, DC on January 19, 2000, included stakeholders who the Commission believed would represent a broad cross-section of groups that had a stake or an interest in the Commerce proposal.

The second open meeting was held in the Rayburn House Office Building on February 4. A Federal Register notice that explained the background and purpose of the meeting was published and the third and final meeting was held in the Russell Senate Office Building on February 29. Unofficial, informal transcripts of the meetings were sent to each participant that spoke and their remarks were then provided to each participant for review to ensure the remarks were considered and the concepts were incorporated in the final report.

On February 17, at its meeting in Los Angeles, the Commission approved for public review and comment an "Emerging Consensus Position Paper" that embodied the key findings, conclusions, and recommendations that had a working consensus of support among the participants. The position paper was posted to the NCLIS web site and the Commission requested comments before March 10. The public was made aware of the document by press release, notices on electronic bulletin boards, listservs, e-mail messages, and letters to associations and societies.

At the third and final public meeting on February 29, the Commission heard comments on the position paper and announced one additional opportunity for review and comment by the public. The Commission published a draft of its final report on March 13. Comments were received and taken into account in the preparation of the final report. *Preliminary Assessment of the Proposed Closure of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS): A Report to the President and the Congress* was published on March 16, 2000. The report and accompanying information can be found at: <http://www.nclis.gov/govt/ntis/ntis.html>.

The NTIS report recognized the need to streamline and simplify the government's overall public information dissemination policies and practices. The findings were in keeping with an earlier Commission study *Assessment of Electronic Government Information Products*, completed at the request of the Government Printing Office and published in March 1999. Additionally, the report found that the roles and responsibilities of the public and private sector needed to be refined. A summary of the Commission recommendations may be found on page 13 of this publication.

In response to the NTIS study, Senator John McCain, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, requested a comprehensive assessment of the federal government's public information dissemination policies and practices. The Senator asked NCLIS in a letter dated June 12, 2000, to assess the reforms necessary for the federal government's information dissemination practices; the need for proposing new or revised laws, rules, regulations, missions and policies; the need to consolidate, streamline and simplify missions and functions; and the need for strengthening other key components of the overall federal information dissemination infrastructure. He asked NCLIS to provide recommendations on the future of NTIS that "would be consistent with any overall federal government information dissemination recommendations that you would also provide."

On July 17, Senator Joseph Lieberman, Ranking Democrat of the Governmental Affairs Committee joined in Senator McCain's request and added two additional items for consideration. He asked that "the Commission include in that review sections of the Paperwork Reduction Act that may need revision, because the Committee will be considering the law's reauthorization in the 107th Congress. Second, when the Commission considers the future of the National Technical Information Service, I would ask that it consider the viability of maintaining NTIS as a centralized fully electronic repository of federal scientific and technical information, accessible via the Internet and equipped with search and retrieval capabilities."

In late June, the Commission began formulating the process it would use to complete the comprehensive assessment within the time requested. On July 25, a Study Plan Outline was posted on the NCLIS web site listing four panels of independent experts to assist the Commission in its assessment. Panels were to consider four areas determined to be vital to the comprehensive assessment. Panel One was asked to address the NTIS Business Model; Panel Two, Internal Government Reforms; Panel Three, External User Needs; and Panel Four, Public-Private Sector Partnerships.

NCLIS posted to its web site a list of General Issues and Concerns as well as Specific Issues and Concerns and continued to post information about the assessment as it became available. All supporting information remains available at <http://www.nclis.gov/govt/assess/assess.html>. The Commission was given a very short turn-around for such a comprehensive report, but continues to work diligently toward its final recommendations which will be published in January 2001.

The value to the nation's economy that stems from the government's capital investment in the capture, organization, permanent availability for access to and dissemination of scientific and technical information for the public and for private enterprise, and for government agencies at all levels is enormous and far-reaching, and cannot be accurately estimated.

Martha B. Gould
Chairperson

From Preliminary Assessment of the Proposed Closure of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS)

The Commission recommends that---

1. The President direct the Secretary of Commerce to retain NTIS within the Department of Commerce for at least the balance of FY 2000, and through the end of FY 2001;
2. The Congress annually appropriate sufficient funds, beginning in FY 2000, to finance that portion of legislatively mandated NTIS activities and services which are inherently governmental in nature;
3. Once the inherently governmental NTIS functions are financed by appropriated funds, NTIS may continue to operate a sales program but must abide by existing Federal information resources management policies and principles. NTIS should:
 - set user charges at levels sufficient to recover, but not exceed, the total cost of the sales program, excluding all costs financed by appropriations;
 - cease improperly restrictive practices such as charging fees or royalties on the reuse, resale, or redissemination of products and services; and
 - ensure that decisions to introduce new products or services are made only after careful consideration of the capabilities of the private sector to create commercial products by adding value to government information either through public private partnerships or through independent efforts.
4. A one-time appropriation should be approved to defray the costs to set up an appropriate mechanism to provide free and permanent public access to current materials and future acquisitions, primarily by electronic means, through the Federal Depository Library Program and to ensure that, as retrospective materials are captured electronically, they are also made available for permanent public access; and
5. The Secretary of Commerce take such internal policy, financial, personnel, and other actions as appropriate to the circumstances, to ensure that:
 - NTIS staffing and budget are maintained at a satisfactory threshold level of support to preclude any further erosion of services to NTIS clients, both in and out of government;
 - NTIS plant capacity, staffing, and service levels are restored if and where they may have already dropped below that satisfactory level;
 - NTIS clients, both in and out of government, are notified of actions taken to restore NTIS services, and reassured that materials over three years old are not being discarded; and
 - Periodic reports are submitted to the Congressional oversight and appropriation committees, and OMB, covering steps that have been taken or are being taken to implement this recommended course of action. The Secretary should forward copies of the reports to NCLIS as well. The broader issue of strengthened NTIS governance should be addressed in the Commission's in-depth study of alternatives.

NATIONAL INFORMATION ACTIVITIES

During the fiscal year, the Commission actively gathered information about literacy and information literacy and considered the issue of access to information by all people. The November meeting of the Commission included a discussion of library and information services for individuals with disabilities and the challenges they face in accessing information. Public access to government information and information professionals for the twenty-first century were also topics of discussion at the meeting.

The role of school libraries, public libraries, and the federal government in the areas of literacy and information literacy was the focus of the Commission meeting in Los Angeles in February. Participants in the *Los Angeles Times* literacy initiative "Reading by 9" described their program at a meeting held in the *Los Angeles Times* building. While in Los Angeles, Commissioners met with the California Library Board and held part of the meeting at the Los Angeles Public Library where experts in literacy and information literacy shared their knowledge and concerns.

The topic of discussion at the April Commission meeting in Washington, DC was the Digital Divide. A representative from The Benton Foundation spoke with the Commission about how the lack of access to technology hampers a large segment of society and limits access to information. In response to the issue of the Digital Divide, the Commission joined an alliance with the Institute for Museum and Library Services, the American Library Association and the Benton Foundation in concert with the Department of Education Community Technology Center Program to create a database of community access points (CAPs) for technology information and access.



Kathryn M. Downing, Publisher, President and Chief Executive Officer, *Los Angeles Times*, explains the newspaper's strong commitment to improved literacy in its community.



Los Angeles Times, Senior Vice President, Community Relations Bonnie Hill describes the "Reading by 9" program

SISTER LIBRARIES: A WHITE HOUSE MILLENNIUM COUNCIL PROJECT

The Commission embarked on *Sister Libraries: A White House Millennium Council Project* in 1999 in response to President Clinton's call to federal agencies and state and local governments to "Honor the Past—Imagine the Future." The White House Millennium Council was established by President Clinton and the First Lady to use the widespread interest in the millennium as a force for positive change and to celebrate the accomplishments of this American century.

The goal of the Commission was to pair public and school libraries in the United States with others worldwide, focusing initially on programs specifically planned for children and teenagers. Because of the success of the partnerships and the interest of other libraries, the program was expanded to include all types of libraries. Also, because of the enthusiasm of the participants, the Commission is working to find an organization that will make a permanent home for Sister Libraries, when the project concludes at the end of 2001.

Since the beginning of the Sister Libraries project, 143 U.S. libraries have been designated official Sister Libraries. An official plaque signed by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Honorary Chair, has been presented to the designated library, to the international partner library, and to local government officials in each community, such as the mayors of the cities where the libraries are located. These presentations were sometimes made during official community ceremonies, sometimes during exchange visits with Sister Libraries and sometimes at international meetings. NCLIS highlighted projects and gave the participating libraries recognition and provided material to help publicize the project in their local community.

As stated in the White House Millennium Council literature, "The President and Mrs. Clinton created the White House Millennium Council in 1997 to give every American an opportunity to mark the millennium in meaningful activities that celebrate our democracy, strengthen communities and leave lasting gifts to the future."

The Commission believes that libraries are local gateways to knowledge, fostering conditions for lifelong learning and cultural development for all, thus strengthening our diverse communities. *Sister Libraries: A White House Millennium Project* is a wonderful way for the young people of today, the leaders of tomorrow, to expand their capacity to learn about and to understand other people.

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS (IFLA)

The Commission continues to be an active participant in the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). Commission Chairperson Martha Gould and Executive Director Bob Willard represented NCLIS at the August 1999 IFLA General Conference in Jerusalem, Israel. The theme of the conference was "Information for Co-operation: Creating the Global Library of the Future." Many issues important to the Commission were addressed such as the changing patterns of library work for today and

tomorrow, authenticity of digital collections, school libraries and the global network literacy standards, intellectual property protection, statistics, and the role of government information. NCLIS representatives established a number of beneficial relationships with counterparts in other countries.

The Commission continued to serve as an "International Distinguished Partner" with a special role in the preparations for the IFLA conference to be held in Boston in 2001. Preliminary plans include a joint meeting with the Council on Archives, Museums and Libraries, the British counterpart to NCLIS, in conjunction with the IFLA conference.

UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO)

At its February meeting, the Commission passed a resolution in support of the United States rejoining UNESCO. The resolution recognized UNESCO's increasingly proactive role in fostering initiatives that encourage and enlarge the role of libraries, museums, archives and information services and to help link member states to the global information infrastructure. (See page 17)

INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES (ICSECA)

NCLIS entered its fifteenth year of cooperation with the Department of State to coordinate and monitor proposals for International Contributions for Scientific, Educational and Cultural Activities (ICSECA) funds and to disburse the funds to appropriate organizations and activities. The FY 2000 recipients are as follows:

- \$25,000 U.S. Committee to the International Federation for Information & Documentation (FID)**
To support FID's Global Information Alliance (GIA) activities related to GII policies, to strengthen American involvement in FID related to the National Environmental Information System and other cooperative UNESCO-related programs.
- \$10,000 Library of Congress (LC)**
To help defray U.S. costs for support of the International Standard Serials Number (ISSN) Network activities headquartered in Paris.
- \$10,000 Society of American Archivists (SAA) and International Council of Archives (ICA)**
To support records and archive related UNESCO-led projects such as the opening of the Alexandrina Library in Egypt and the Memory of the World initiative.
- \$12,500 International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)**
To support the International Conference on National Bibliographic Services (Jerusalem, Israel, August, 1999).
- \$10,000 National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS)**
To support invited NCLIS participation in the IFLA Conference (Jerusalem, Israel, August 1999) and preparations for the survey of U.S. participation in international forums on library and information policy.

\$12,500 National Information Standards Organization (NISO)

To support U.S. participation in the development of International Standards to support a Global Information Infrastructure (GII); to support the Secretariat of the International Standards Organization (ISO) Technical Committee 46 (TC 46) Subcommittee 4 on Computer Applications in Information and Documentation (which includes work on electronic publishing standards); and to support the U.S. Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to ISO TC 46.

\$20,000 National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS)

To support the NCLIS Sister Libraries Millennium Project.

Resolution to Support the U.S. Rejoining UNESCO

Whereas the United States for many years until 1985 was a Member State and strong supporter of the goals, objectives, and programs, and projects of UNESCO; and

Whereas UNESCO, and especially its Directorate for Communications, Information, and Informatics, is increasingly proactive in fostering initiatives that envision, encourage, and enlarge the role of libraries, museums, archives and information services, and the role of information professionals in those institutions, in helping Member States develop their national information infrastructures and link them to the global information infrastructure; and

Whereas newly elected top UNESCO officials, in particular Director General Koichiro Matsuura, strongly support the facilitation of universal access forms of information, and the need to make every effort to reduce the current imbalances that overwhelmingly affect the majority of the world's population, depriving them of much needed information; and

Whereas in recent months UNESCO officials have actively and openly encouraged a dialog with the Commission to establish close partnerships in order to jointly pursue mutually advantageous activities; and

Whereas the U.S. Department of State has supported more direct working relationships between the U.S. library and information communities and UNESCO, including the exchange of librarians and information professionals: Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE UNITED STATES REJOIN UNESCO AS A MEMBER STATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

RESOLUTION OF THE
U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION ON
LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE
FEBRUARY 2000

LIBRARY STATISTICS

NCLIS/NCES LIBRARY STATISTICS PROGRAM

In fiscal year 2000, NCLIS completed thirteen consecutive years of cooperation between the Commission and the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) in implementing the Library Statistics Program (LSP). The Commission serves as a liaison to the library community, organizes meetings and training workshops, supports in-state training and technical assistance, monitors trends, and advises NCES on policy matters.

NCLIS is committed to providing access to the work of all steering committees and task groups associated with the Library Services Program. Most information can be viewed from the NCLIS website at the following URL: <http://www.nclis.gov/libraries/lsp/statist.html>.

Federal-State Cooperative System (FSCS) for Public Library Survey

FSCS has been in operation since 1988 and is the largest of the federal-state library survey initiatives supported by NCES and NCLIS. The Federal-State Cooperative system is administered by NCES in cooperation with NCLIS. Public library data are collected annually and electronically via the FSCS. At the state level and in the outlying areas, data coordinators appointed by each state or outlying area's chief officer of the state library agency administer FSCS. Data provided by states are available over the Internet as received at NCES.

The following events occurred as part of the continuing improvement to the LSP:

- Annual Training workshop and orientation for new state data coordinators, March 2000 in San Antonio, Texas;
- Steering Committee meetings for the FSCS survey, December 1999, March and June 2000;
- Steering Committee Meeting for the State Library Agency (SLA) survey, March 2000;
- Academic Library Survey advisory committee meetings, January and June 2000 and a survey training workshop in September 2000; and
- School Library Media Center survey meetings, January and July.

NCES and NCLIS continue planning for an expanded statistics cooperative. The goal is to facilitate work on crosscutting issues without interfering with the ability of existing constituent groups to continue their work on individual surveys. Ideas include expanding participation to add local practitioners, experts from allied professions such as publishing and technology, more data users, and possible representatives of the media. In addition to providing an opportunity to address crosscutting policy issues, an expanded cooperative will identify and address data gaps and encourage participation by diverse groups at all levels of government. This work was begun in FY 1998 and continues into FY 2002.

During the 13th Annual FSCS Training Workshop, held in San Antonio, Texas in March 2000, annual awards were presented. The 1999 Helen M. Eckard Award for Exemplary Use of FSCS Data was presented on Tuesday, March 28, 2000. Keith Curry Lance, Data Use Subcommittee chair presented the award to Edward Lakner, Assistant Director of the Library Research Center at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Lakner was recognized

for his article, "Optimizing Samples for Surveys of Public Libraries: Alternatives and Compromises," *Library and Information Science*, v. 20, n. 4, pp. 321-42 (1998). The Eckard Award, first presented in 1995, is named for an NCES staff member who provided outstanding leadership as a professional librarian for the support of the Library Statistics Program.

The 1999 Francis Keppel Awards were presented to 35 states and one territory during the annual FSCS Professional Development Conference also. The Keppel Award is named after Francis Keppel, a U.S. Commissioner of Education who served from 1962 to 1965. He also served as a distinguished member of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science from 1978 to 1983. Dr. Keppel was an early and enthusiastic advocate of reliable and regularly reported national, state, and local library statistics that would provide a basis for public policy formulation and the improvement of library services to the entire spectrum of the U.S. population. Dianne Carty, Chair of the FSCS Steering Committee presented the award to 10 first-time individual winners. The first awards were earned by four states at the 1992 annual workshop.

State Library Agency Customer Satisfaction Survey

NCLIS completed a feasibility study of a survey of Chiefs of State Library Agencies (StLA) to determine their satisfaction with the StLA survey, published reports, and web-based data files and utilities. Nine states participated in the feasibility study. The report was forwarded to Jeffrey Owings (Associate Commissioner, NCES) for review. The report was shared with the Chiefs of State Library Agencies (COSLA) at their October 2000 meeting. NCES will determine the need or value of conducting a 50-state customer satisfaction survey.

Academic Libraries Survey

The Academic Libraries Survey (ALS) was a component of the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) until 1999. Web-based data collection for this now independent survey began in 2000. The Academic Libraries Survey established a steering committee composed of representatives of the academic library community. A network of library professionals works closely with NCES to coordinate the collection of data from academic libraries in postsecondary institutions in each of their states. This group participated in a training program in September 2000 in Chicago, Illinois.

State Library Agency Survey

The State Library Agency Survey is administered annually and collection occurs electronically from each of the state library agencies. These are the units of state government designated by law as the agency responsible for statewide library development and administration of federal funds under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Web-based data collection occurred in 2000 and demonstrated the most timely reporting cycle ever, eleven months.

School Library Media Center Survey

The School Library Media Center (SLMC) Survey is conducted every five years. NCLIS has conducted two meetings of stakeholders in this community to inform NCES of the need to increase the frequency, to improve timeliness of the survey and to consider opportunities for including SLMC questions in other school assessments conducted by NCES. Discussion continued through FY 2000. The survey remains unchanged for the current collection cycle, which began in fall 1999 and was completed in winter 2000.



Dianne Carty, Chair, FSCS Steering Committee, presents the 1999 Keppell Award to John Barratt, New Hampshire State Data Coordinator, as Adrienne Chute, NCES, looks on.

NCLIS FUNDED RESEARCH

Internet Connectivity in Public Libraries Study

John Carlo Bertot, Ph.D. was hired as the expert consultant to work with NCLIS to develop a survey instrument to measure Internet connectivity in public libraries. The consultant used a weighted analysis approach to analyze data and generate national estimates. As such, the analysis used the actual responses from 1,108 library outlets, from which a completed survey was received, to estimate to all geocoded outlets. In particular, the 2000 Public Library and Internet Study:

1. Provided longitudinal data regarding the percentage of public libraries connected to the Internet.
2. Provided longitudinal data regarding the percentage of public libraries that provide graphical public access Internet services.
3. Provided longitudinal data regarding the speed of library public access to Internet services.
4. Explored the funding sources that support public library Internet connectivity and information technology infrastructure development.
5. Explored the level of use of online database resources, blocking technologies, and special software/hardware for individuals with disabilities by public libraries that provide public Internet access services.
6. Explored the extent and nature of library Internet access acceptable use policies.
7. Explored the extent and nature of library Internet training service offered by libraries to various types of library users and staff.

Internet Connectivity: The Promise Fulfilled

In the United States there are more than 16,000 public libraries, serving a population of 264 million.

In 1994, only one in ten library systems provided Internet access. In 2000, 95.7% of all library locations provided this service.

In 2000, of the 53% of public library outlets in rural areas, 93% are connected to the Internet.

The 2000 NCLIS study revealed:

- ❖ 88% of public libraries in the U.S. use local operating funds for Internet-related technology and infrastructure expenses. 30% use state grants and 18% use federal funds to pay for a portion of these expenses.
- ❖ 49% benefited from the Education Rate (E-rate) discounts and 31% from special grants for technology and infrastructure, including the Gates Library Program.
- ❖ 29% of public libraries provide special hardware or software for accessing the Internet by individuals with disabilities.
- ❖ 62% provide Internet training services; 55% to adults and 44% to children or youth.

Information on the *Public Libraries and the Internet 2000 Outlet Connectivity* study and the prior studies is located on the NCLIS website at <http://www.nclis.gov/statsurv/statsurv.html>.

PARTICIPATION IN OTHER STATISTICS INITIATIVES

The Commission increased its participation in research and statistics committee meetings of the American Library Association and its Divisions. The Director of Statistics and Surveys now serves, ex-officio, on committees emphasizing statistics and their use, including the Committee of Research and Statistics (CORS), Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Statistics Committee. The Director also was appointed to the Association of Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS) Committee on Research and Statistics for a term of two years.

Initiatives begun in FY 2000 include a series of bookmarks to draw attention to statistical data relevant to the library community most particularly related to Internet connectivity in public libraries. Other initiatives include promoting international awareness of U.S. library data through possible future participation with LIBECON2000, a European effort to promote participation in other statistics initiatives awareness and use of library data.

Alliance to Create Community Access Points Database—NCLIS Participation

Commission staff was actively involved in a task group with ALA, IMLS, and the Benton Foundation to coordinate the establishment of a database of Community Access Points. The project is continuing with little Commission involvement.
(<http://www.nclis.gov/news/pr2000/alliance.html>)

Association of Research Libraries, E-Metrics Project—NCLIS Participation

The Director of Statistics and Surveys serves as an advisor to ARL E-Metrics Project, and as a team member of the Vendor Statistics Working Group. The project is funded for 5 years and is tasked with developing models for identifying and integrating performance measurement into the assessment activities of research libraries.

Association of Research Libraries, 4th Northumbria International Conference—NCLIS Partnership

NCLIS as a sponsoring organization of this conference, scheduled for August 2001, provided support in identifying speakers, support for keynote speakers, and will be providing editorial support for the Proceedings of the conference. NCLIS Director of Statistics and Surveys and the Executive Director of the National Information Standards Organization (NISO) will also be presenting the findings of the February 2001 NISO Forum on Library Statistics and Performance Measures.

Education Longitudinal Study: 2002—NCLIS Participation

The Director of Statistics and Surveys serves as the library representative on the Technical Review Panel to this longitudinal study. The study will be conducted between 1999-2004 and is sponsored by the NCES, Washington, DC. The contract for the study is with Research Triangle Institute, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

Developing National Data Collection Models for Public Library Network Statistics and Performance Measures—NCLIS Research Partner

NCLIS is a research partner with Drs. John Bertot and Charles McClure in an IMLS National Leadership Grant project. The project will move prior work on developing national electronic measures into a field test. Training in interpretation, analysis and reuse of electronic resource use data is a key component of the proposal. A focus group discussion to begin field-testing performance measures in public libraries is scheduled for January 2001.
(<http://www.nclis.gov/statsurv/finalrpt.nclis.vendor.fig.1.11.01.doc>)

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS

The Commission shall conduct studies, surveys and analyses of the library and informational needs of the Nation, including the special library and informational needs of rural areas, economically, socially or culturally deprived persons, and of elderly persons. . . [20 U.S.C. 1504]

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

The Commission compiled materials for the final report following its hearing on Library and Information Services for Individuals with Disabilities that took place in FY 1999. Library and information access is important to people of all ages and with varying degrees of disabilities. The hearing was only the first step in the examination of the issue. NCLIS continued to track activities relevant to individuals with disabilities and to consider subsequent policy recommendations based on the findings of the hearing

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

In an effort to encourage and support library and information services for children and youth, *Sister Libraries: A White House Millennium Council Project* was begun in 1999. The project continued in 2000 to encourage international exchange between children in the United States and other countries through school and public libraries and is described on page 15.

NCLIS began preparation for a future hearing on school libraries based on the recognition that children and youth receive their primary library services through the school library, and many school libraries are in distress. In order to better understand the conditions and possible solutions to problems faced by libraries across the country, background information was gathered and experts from the library and education communities were contacted.



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Diana Berry describes the DeKalb County Public Library *Sister Libraries* project to Commissioner Rebecca Bingham and colleagues

COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson **Jeanne Hurley Simon**, was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor in September 1999. Despite surgery and aggressive treatment, she died on February 20, 2000. Several Commissioners traveled to the funeral service in her hometown of Carbondale, Illinois on February 23. NCLIS organized a memorial service in Washington, DC in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library of Congress on April 12. Chairperson **Martha Gould** and Commissioner **James Billington**, Librarian of Congress, spoke of Ms. Simon's dedication and commitment to libraries as well as her loyalty to her friends and colleagues. Vice Chairperson **Joan Challinor** read a passage from Proverbs. Joining the Commissioners in tribute, **Senator Dick Durbin** spoke about how Senator and Ms. Simon had guided him as a young member of Congress and how that friendship continued through the years. **Mrs. Nancy Metzenbaum** spoke of how she and Ms. Simon became friends as Senate wives and that she would be missed by all who knew her. NCLIS Executive Director **Bob Willard** read excerpts from Ms. Simon's book, *Codename: Scarlet*.

Martha B. Gould, Reno, Nevada, was named Chairperson by President Clinton on March 3, 2000. She had served as Acting Chair during Chairperson Simon's illness.

In October 1999, Ms. Gould, represented the Commission at the Fall meeting of the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) in Indianapolis.

While in San Antonio, Texas at the American Library Association (ALA) midwinter meeting in January 2000, Ms. Gould held a Strategic Planning meeting with the members of the NCLIS Executive Committee. Also in January, Ms. Gould chaired a meeting convened by NCLIS in Washington, DC to hear from interested stakeholders in the proposed closing of the National Technical Information Services (NTIS). She also presided over the third NTIS meeting at the Russell Senate Office Building in February. During the month of March, Ms. Gould attended the Freedom of Information Day and the Digital Archive meeting in Washington, DC.

Ms. Gould delivered greetings and presented an overview of NCLIS activities at the Public Library Association annual meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina on March 31. On April 10, in Washington, DC, Ms. Gould offered congratulatory remarks at the award ceremony for the winners of the first National Award for Library Service.

On April 13, Ms. Gould took part in the initial meeting of interested parties to explore the feasibility of developing a database of Community Access Points. On April 24, she attended the 200th birthday celebration of the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. During May, Chairperson Gould represented NCLIS at the American Association of Museums annual meeting and the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. She was a guest at the First Lady's Luncheon in Washington, DC, on May 16. On May 31, she made a presentation in San Diego at a press conference sponsored by Sister Cities International honoring the participants in the *Sister Libraries: A White House Millennium Council Project*. Earlier the same day, she visited a designated sister library in Mexico.

Ms. Gould represented the Commission and addressed the Five State Leadership Grant Convocation on Tribal Libraries, Archives, and Museums: Preserving our Language, Memory, and Lifeways in Phoenix, Arizona on June 6. She attended the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) task force meeting in St. Louis, Missouri and the Coalition on Reauthorization of LSTA in Chicago, Illinois as an observer.

The ALA Executive Board hosted a breakfast, July 8, during the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, to honor Ms. Gould as the new NCLIS chairperson. During July, she spoke to COSLA and traveled to San Jose, California to meet with Dean Patricia Breivik at San Jose State University to discuss the National Forum on Information Literacy.

Ms. Gould attended the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions meeting in Jerusalem, Israel in August.

On October 21, 1999 Commissioner **Joan Challinor** appeared before the Senate Subcommittee on Science, Technology and Space of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation to deliver the Commission's statement on the Department of Commerce plan to close NTIS. She also participated in two of the NCLIS meetings related to the proposed closing of the NTIS.

In March, 2000, Ms. Gould appointed Dr. Challinor as Vice Chairperson of the Commission. Also in March, Dr. Challinor met with the information staff of UNESCO in Paris. She attended the reception honoring the winners of the first National Award for Library Service in Washington, DC and the 200th birthday celebration of the Library of Congress. Dr. Challinor attended the British Library and Information Conference on National Information Policy in London. While there she also met with Ms. Elizabeth Fly Rohatyn, wife of the U.S. Ambassador to France and the former chair of the Board of Trustees of the New York Public Library. On May 12, Dr. Challinor presented *Sister Libraries* plaques to Sidwell Friends School and First Secretary (Education), Wei Liqing, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United States, who represented their Chinese partner library. On June 12, she represented NCLIS at the National Award for Library Service ceremony in Flushing Library, Queens, New York.

During the ALA annual conference, Dr. Challinor made a presentation to the International Relations Roundtable describing the *Sister Libraries* project. In September, she attended the Third Annual Electronic Book 2000 Conference and Show in Washington, DC.

Commissioner **C.E. "Abe" Abramson** attended the Training Conference for the State Library Steering Committee in San Antonio from March 26-29 and the FSCS meeting and Internet Study Focus Group in Charlotte, North Carolina on March 29. In early April, he attended the 200th birthday celebration of the Library of Congress. He also attended the ALA conferences in San Antonio and Chicago.

On November 11, 1999, Commissioner **Rebecca Bingham** represented NCLIS at the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) in Birmingham, Alabama. In February, Ms. Bingham attended the Music Library Association meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. In April, she attended the first National Award for Library Service ceremony presented by IMLS in Washington, DC. While in Washington, Ms. Bingham participated in the Community Access Points meeting at the NCLIS office on April 13. Ms. Bingham attended

the ALA conferences in San Antonio and Chicago. Ms. Bingham also represented the Commission at the Reforma National Conference in Tucson, Arizona on August 13.

In April, Commissioner **Jack Hightower** attended the first National Award for Library Service in Washington, DC. He also attended the ALA conferences in San Antonio and Chicago.

On May 24, the Senate confirmed President Clinton's reappointment of **Dr. Joan R. Challinor** and **Dr. Bobby Roberts** to a second term. On September 25, the Senate received the nominations of **Philip N. Bredezen** of Nashville, Tennessee, **Paulette H. Holahan** of New Orleans, Louisiana, and **Marilyn Gell Mason** of Tallahassee, Florida. The nomination of **Dr. Donald L. Robinson** of Washington, DC was received by the Senate on September 28.

COMMISSION STAFF AND CONSULTANTS

Executive Director **Robert S. Willard** attended the COSLA Fall meeting in October 1999 in Indianapolis. On December 23, he gave the commencement speech at the College of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland. Mr. Willard spoke at the National Association of Attorneys General Conference in Palo Alto, California, "Impact of Internet on the Mission of Attorneys General" in January 2000.

In mid March, Mr. Willard accompanied Dr. Challinor on a liaison visit with the information staff at UNESCO in Paris and on her visit with Ms. Elizabeth Fly Rohatyn. On March 16, in London, he presented a major speech on Information Policy in the United States at a conference sponsored by the British Library and Information Commission and described NCLIS activity on Kids and the Internet.

On April 10, he presented a session entitled "The Community College Role in the National Information Agenda" sponsored by the National Council for Learning Resources, at the convention of the American Association of Community Colleges in Washington, DC. Also in April, he attended the First National Library Services Awards ceremony and the 200th birthday celebration of the Library of Congress.

In early May, Mr. Willard attended the Medical Library Association meeting in Vancouver, BC, and the Association of Research Libraries conference in Baltimore, Maryland. He accompanied Ms. Gould to the LSTA task force meeting in St. Louis, Missouri on June 9 and also attended the Special Libraries Association (SLA) annual meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on June 15. In July, he attended the ALA conference in Chicago, and the American Association of Law Libraries in Philadelphia. In August, Mr. Willard attended the IFLA General Conference in Jerusalem, Israel.

Deputy Director **Judith C. Russell** continued to represent the Commission at the Depository Library Council and on October 19, 1999, she reported on NCLIS activities including the study on the proposed closing of NTIS. On June 29, she presented plaques to the U.S. and foreign designated *Sister Libraries* at the Sister Cities International Annual Conference, in Denver, Colorado.

Denise M. Davis, Director of Statistics and Surveys, continued to coordinate NCLIS and NCES survey activities. On January 15, at the ALA Midwinter Conference she moderated a panel discussion for ALCTS Networked Resources and Metadata Committee where the topic of discussion was Ownership, Control and Access to Electronic Information.

On March 14, she made a presentation at the Louisiana Library Association annual conference in Alexandria, Louisiana. On April 13, she organized and presided over the Community Access Points meeting at NCLIS and maintained contact with the project as it progressed. In May, Ms. Davis attended Inforum 2000 in Washington, DC, the Maryland Library Association Conference in Towson, Maryland, and the National Online Meeting in New York, New York.

Ms. Davis was invited to join the Information Futures Institute (IFI), a think tank that studies issues impacting libraries and how change may occur in the future, and on September 22-23, she attended the session in Seattle, Washington. In September, she attended the Federal Forecasters Conference and the Electronic Book 2000 Conference in Washington, DC.

Rosalie B. Vlach became Director, Legislative and Public Affairs in December. She represented NCLIS at the National Alliance of Urban Literacy Coalition in Washington, DC. At the end of March, she represented NCLIS and the *Sister Libraries* project at the Public Library Association meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina. She also coordinated the Tea honoring designated libraries at the ALA meeting in Chicago, Illinois in July.

Kim A. Miller, Special Assistant-Technical, retired from the U.S. Naval Reserve on January 1, 2000, after four years of active duty and 20 years in the Reserve. Ms. Miller received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for her service as a Medical Corpsman whose duties included accurate documentation and database construction. As a reservist, she was recalled to active duty during Desert Storm serving at Bethesda Naval Hospital where she maintained medical and dental records for active corpsman.

In the Fall of 1999, NCLIS Secretary, **Cherylene W. Rollerson**, who had been with NCLIS since 1986, left the Commission for the Department of Agriculture. Another long time staff member, **Vivian D. Terrell**, Administrative Officer, who joined the staff in 1985, moved to the Department of Education.

The Commission used a number of consultants for both short-term and long-term tasks during the year. Five of these consultants deserve special recognition. **Elizabeth Bingham** continued to work on *Sister Libraries: A White House Millennium Council Project* coordinating and matching designated libraries. She arranged two successful Teas at ALA conferences to honor participating libraries and staffed the Sister Libraries booth at the IFLA conference in Jerusalem, Israel.

Forest Woody Horton continued to assist the Commission with its government information and international programs. He led the effort on the NTIS assessment and the comprehensive assessment of public information dissemination requested by Senators McCain and Lieberman. **Sarah Kadec** worked with Dr. Horton on government information projects.

Kathleen Lannon provided advice on the management of documents within the office, and provided records management assistance in reviewing, organizing and preparing documents to be delivered to the National Archives and Records Administration.

Barbara Whiteleather continued to work part-time as a consultant, assisting with planning for Commission meetings and other special projects.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Martha B. Gould—Instructor, Administration of School and Public Libraries Distance Learning Certification Class, University of Nevada, August 1999 through December 1999.

C.E. "Abe" Abramson—Planning Committee and Presenter at First Montana Festival of Books, September 8-9, 2000.

Walter Anderson—Moderator of a *Parade* magazine series "It's About Time," a series of filmed discussions with prominent Americans, May through December 1999.

José-Marie Griffiths—Interview in the June 2000 issue of *CIO Magazine*; Author "Deconstructing Earth's Largest Library," *Library Journal*, August, 2000.

AWARDS

Martha B. Gould—National Advocacy Honor Roll. ALA and the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates (ALTA), a division of ALA, jointly presented her with the "Living Legends" award. The Award recognizes those who have actively supported and strengthened library services at the local, state or national levels.

C.E. "Abe" Abramson—Special Friend of Libraries Award from the Montana Library Association in Billings, Montana

Walter Anderson—Research! America's Special Recognition Award in Washington, DC

Jose-Marie Griffiths—1999 Award for Contribution to Information Science, Los Angeles Chapter of the American Society for Information Science; Award of Merit, American Society for Information Science; National Videographer Award of Distinction for the video "*The Power of Possibilities: Technology in the Hands of People*"; and Michigan Economic Development Award, Michigan Economic Development Council

Jeanne Hurley Simon—ALA Honorary Life Membership (posthumous). Ms. Simon was nominated for the award in recognition of her life-long advocacy for libraries. Her husband, Senator Paul Simon, accepted the award on her behalf, at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. She also was awarded an honorary degree as Doctor of Humane Letters (posthumously) from Southern Illinois University.

Paulette H. Holahan, Commissioner Designate—National Advocacy Honor Roll acknowledged by ALA and ALTA to receive the "Living Legends" award at the ALA annual meeting. The honorees are advocates who have led major initiatives or sustained efforts to enhance library development and/or public awareness. Their accomplishments are noteworthy and provide models for others who wish to expand advocacy efforts.

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Elizabeth Bingham, Sister Libraries
Forest Woody Horton, Government Information &
International Information
Sarah Kadec, Government Information
Kathleen Lannon, Records Management
Barbara Whiteleather, Meeting Planning &
Special Projects



PHILIP N. BREDESEN

In September 2000, President Clinton nominated Philip N. Bredeesen of Nashville, Tennessee, to serve as a member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science.

Mr. Bredeesen, is the founder and former CEO of the HMOHealthAmerica Corporation and was the mayor of Nashville from 1991 until 1999. He has been an avid supporter and user of libraries since his elementary school days. While mayor, he was responsible for a revamped library system, an improved school system, and the building of two pro sports arenas. In 1998, he was named Politician of the Year by *Library Journal*.

Mr. Bredeesen is the President of Bredex Corporation, an educational software company. Mr. Bredeesen received his B.S. from Harvard University.



PAULETTE H. HOLAHAN

President Clinton nominated Paulette H. Holahan of New Orleans, Louisiana, to serve as a member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science in September 2000. She previously served as a Commissioner from 1980—1985.

Ms. Holahan was the Deputy Judicial Administrator of the Louisiana Supreme Court, where she was the public information officer for twenty-three years. She has been an active volunteer in the library world for over forty years. She has served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Public Library, the Louisiana State Library Board of Commissioners, the American Library Trustee Association, and the Library Development Committee of Louisiana.

Ms. Holahan has received many awards for her work with libraries, including the Silver Award of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science and an award from the American Library Association for the Outstanding Library Trustee in the United States.



MARILYN GELL MASON

In September 2000, President Clinton nominated Marilyn Gell Mason of Tallahassee, Florida, to serve as a member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science.

Ms. Mason served as the Director of the Cleveland Public Library for thirteen years and as Director of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library for four years before her service in Cleveland. In 1979 and 1980, she was the Director of the White House Conference on Library and Information Service.

Ms. Mason has written extensively about libraries and information science and their importance. She has received numerous awards for her work in this field.

Ms. Mason received her B.A. from the University of Dallas, a Master of Library Science degree from North Texas State University, and a Master of Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.



DONALD L. ROBINSON

President Clinton nominated Donald L. Robinson of Washington, DC, to serve as a member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science in September 2000.

Dr. Robinson is the Director of the Washington Internship Program of Boston University and coordinator of the Mickey Leland Congressional Internship Program in Washington of the Center for Public Policy of the University of Houston. Dr. Robinson is also an adjunct professor at Boston University, the University of Houston and Texas Southern University. He is one of the founders of the Congressional Internship Program and President of Robinson Associates, Inc.

Dr. Robinson lectures on public policy, intergovernmental relations, and the legislative process at the Executive Seminar Centers of the Office of Personnel Management, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Congressional Research Service.

Dr. Robinson received his B.A. and M.A. from Northwestern University and his Ph.D. from American University.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission is composed of 14 members appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, as well as two *ex officio* members, the Librarian of Congress and the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

Terms of the Commissioners appointed by the President expire on July 19th of the year in parentheses following their city and state names.



JEANNE HURLEY SIMON
Chairperson, November 1993 – February 2000
Makanda, IL (2002)

President Clinton appointed Jeanne Hurley Simon of Makanda, Illinois, to serve as chairperson of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science in November 1993. She was nominated to a second term on November 6, 1997. Ms. Simon died on Sunday, February 20, 2000, following her gallant struggle with cancer.

Ms. Simon was a member of the Bar in the District of Columbia and Illinois. She belonged to several organizations, including the League of Women Voters, the American Library Association, the American Association of University Women, and the Women's Bar Association of Illinois.

Ms. Simon won praise for her book, *Codename: Scarlett* for its insights on the perspective of a candidate's spouse during a presidential campaign.

In January 1997, Mrs. Simon was appointed Adjunct Professor of Library Affairs at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois and joined her husband to create the Public Policy Institute there. Her life long commitment to public service and libraries included such issues as adult literacy and the extension of library services to small communities.



Martha B. Gould
Vice Chairperson, 1994 –2000
Chairperson, 2000–
Reno, NV (2002)

Retired Director, Washoe
 County Library System; former
 President, Nevada Library
 Association; past Chair and
 member, Nevada State Council
 on Libraries; named Nevada
 Librarian of the “Years” in 1993



Joan R. Challinor
Vice Chairperson, 2000–
Washington, DC (2004)

Historian; Chair, Advisory
 Committee of the Schlesinger
 Library on the History of
 Women in America at Radcliffe
 College; board member, Knight
 Ridder, a newspaper and
 electronic publisher

Commercial-industrial real estate broker; founding and current Trustee of the Missoula Public Library Foundation; former member and Chair, Board of Trustees, Missoula Public Library; former member and Vice Chair, Montana State Library Commission



C. E. "Abe" Abramson
Missoula, MT (2000)

Chairman, CEO and Publisher, Parade Publications; member, National Advisory Board, Literacy Volunteers of America; member, Board of Advisors, National Center for Family Literacy; a national spokesman for libraries, literacy and the GED program



Walter Anderson
New York, NY (2000)

Retired Director, School Library Media Services, Jefferson County Public Schools in Louisville, KY; former President of the American Association of School Librarians, the Kentucky Library Association, and the Southeastern Library Association



Rebecca T. Bingham
Louisville, KY (2001)



LeVar Burton
Los Angeles, CA (2000)

Actor, producer, director and author; host and co-executive producer of "Reading Rainbow," a PBS television series that introduces children to the world of reading and books



Mary S. Furlong
San Francisco, CA (1999)

Chairman and founder, Third AgeMedia, Inc.; founder of SeniorNet, a non-profit organization to educate older Americans in computer use; knowledgeable with respect to the library and information services needs of the elderly



José-Marie Griffiths
Ann Arbor, MI (2001)

Chief Information Officer, University of Michigan; former administrator at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; former researcher and manager at King Research, Inc.; a nationally and internationally known information scientist, researcher and teacher

Counsel to the law firm of Hilgers and Watkins, Austin, Texas; formerly served on the Texas Supreme Court; former member of the U.S. House of Representatives; former member of the Texas Senate and the Texas House of Representatives; former District Attorney for the 46th Judicial District



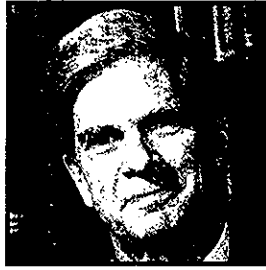
Jack E. Hightower
Austin, TX (2004)

Director, Central Arkansas Library System, Little Rock; established the archives and special collections department at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock; author in the fields of U.S. history, librarianship, and management



Bobby L. Roberts
Little Rock, AR (2003)

Ex Officio Members



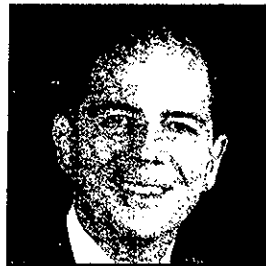
James H. Billington
Librarian of Congress

Librarian of Congress; former
Director, Woodrow Wilson
International Center for
Scholars; former professor of
history, Princeton University



Beverly Sheppard
Acting Director, IMLS

Acting Director, Institute of
Museums and Library Services;
IMLS Deputy Director; former
Associate Director, Chester
County Historical Society, West
Chester, PA; former President of
the Pennsylvania Federation of
Museums and Historical
Organizations; author



Winston Tabb
Representative of the
Librarian of Congress

Associate Librarian of Congress
for Library Services; former
Associate Librarian for
Collection Services; former
Acting Deputy Librarian;
represents the Librarian of
Congress when the Librarian is
unable to participate in
NCLIS activities

COMMISSION COMMITTEES

The Chairperson serves ex-officio on all NCLIS Committees.

CHILD ABUSE IN THE DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT

Walter Anderson, Chair; Rebecca Bingham; LeVar Burton; Bobby Roberts; Judith Russell, Staff

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Martha Gould, Chair; Abe Abramson; Joan Challinor; José-Marie Griffiths; Jack Hightower; Robert Willard, Staff

INTERNATIONAL

Joan Challinor, Chair; Rebecca Bingham; José-Marie Griffiths; Winston Tabb; Rosalie Vlach and F. Woody Horton, Staff

LEGISLATION

Jack Hightower, Chair; Martha Gould; Beverly Sheppard; Robert Willard, Staff

LIAISON TO WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES TASKFORCE

Joan Challinor; Robert Willard, Staff

LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT

Rebecca Bingham; Joan Challinor; Bobby Roberts; Beverly Sheppard; Robert Willard, Staff

LIBRARY STATISTICS

Abe Abramson, Chair; Rebecca Bingham; Bobby Roberts; Denise Davis, Staff

NATIONAL AWARD FOR LIBRARIES

Beverly Sheppard, Chair; Rebecca Bingham; Joan Challinor; Martha Gould; Bobby Roberts; Judith C. Russell, Staff

NCLIS 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Jack Hightower, Chair; Joan Challinor; José-Marie Griffiths; Bobby Roberts; Robert Willard, Staff

PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Abe Abramson, Chair; Winston Tabb; Joan Challinor; Martha Gould; José-Marie Griffiths; F. Woody Horton, Staff

WORKING GROUP ON THE ISSUES OF JOURNAL PRICING, PUBLISHING, AND COPYRIGHT

Commissioners: José-Marie Griffiths, Chair; Abe Abramson; Joan Challinor; Mary Furlong; Martha Gould; Robert Willard, Staff

Non-Commissioners: Richard Hill, ASIS; Karen Hunter, Reed Elsevier; Althea Jenkins, ALA; Peyton Neal, SIIA; Fred M. Heath, Big 12 Plus; Duane Webster, ARL

FORMER COMMISSIONERS

FORMER CHAIRPERSONS



Frederick Burkhardt
Chairman, 1970-1978



Charles Benton
Chairman, 1978-1982



Elinor M. Hashim
Chairman, 1982-1986



Kenneth Y. Tomlinson
Chairman, 1986-1987



Jerald C. Newman
Chairman, 1987-1990



Charles E. Reid
Chairman, 1990-1992



J. Michael Farrell
Chairman, 1992-1993



Jeanne Hurley Simon
Chairperson, 1993-2000

FORMER COMMISSION MEMBERS

Each name is followed by dates in parentheses indicating the years of service as a Commissioner. Positions held with the Commission, such as Chairman and Vice Chairman, are listed below the name in italics with the years of service noted. The professional affiliation during the time of service on the Commission is indicated. Where known, the current assignment and place of residence or year of death is provided in parentheses.

SHIRLEY GRAY ADAMOVICH (1992-1996)

Commissioner, Department of Cultural Affairs, and New Hampshire State Librarian (Durham, NH)

ANDREW A. AINES (1971-1976)

Acting NCLIS Executive Director (1980); Senior Staff Associate, Office of Scientific and Technical Information, U.S. Department of Energy (Deceased 1996)

HELMUT A. ALPERS (1980-1984)

Vice President, General Bookbinding Company (Gates Mills, OH)

GORDON M. AMBACH (1980-1985)

Advisory Committee Member, 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services; President, University of the State of New York and Commissioner of Education (Executive Director, Council of Chief State School Officers; Washington, DC)

WILLIAM O. BAKER (1971-1975)

President, Bell Telephone Laboratories (Murray Hill, NJ)

PATRICIA BARBOUR (1985-1988)

Member, Executive Board, American Research Institute (Dearborn Heights, MI)

JOSEPH BECKER (1971-1974; 1974-1979)

President, Becker and Hayes, Inc. (Deceased 1995)

CHARLES BENTON (1978-1980; 1980-1985)

NCLIS Chairman (1978-1982); Chairman Emeritus (1982-); Chairman, 1979 White House Conference on Library and Information Services; Chairman, Public Media, Inc. (Chair and President, Benton Foundation; Chicago, IL)

DANIEL J. BOORSTIN (1975-1987)

Librarian of Congress (Librarian Emeritus, Library of Congress)

FREDERICK BURKHARDT (1971-1975; 1976-1978)

NCLIS Chairman (1971-78); Chairman Emeritus (1978-); Vice Chairman, National Advisory Committee on Libraries (1966-1968); President, American Council of Learned Societies (historian and author; Bennington, VT)

ROBERT W. BURNS, JR. (1978-1981)

Assistant Director of Libraries for Research Services, Colorado State University (Fort Collins, CO)

DANIEL W. CARTER (1985-1989; 1989-1991)

Acting NCLIS Executive Director (1988); President, Daniel Carter Consulting (Houston, TX)

DANIEL W. CASEY (1973-1978; 1985-1989; 1989-1995)

Advisory Committee Member, 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services; communications executive (Deceased 1995)

HAROLD CROTTY (1971-1972; 1972-1975)

President, Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees (Deceased 1986)

CARLOS A. CUADRA (1971-1974; 1974-1979; 1980-1984)

President, Cuadra Associates; former General Manager, SDC Service (Los Angeles, CA)

- CAROL K. DIPRETE (1990-1991; 1991-1996)**
Dean for Academic Services, Roger Williams University (United Arab Emerites)
- LESLIE W. DUNLAP (1971-1975)**
Dean, Library Administration, The University of Iowa Libraries (Iowa City, IA)
- LEE EDWARDS (1986-1990)**
NCLIS Vice Chairman (1988-1990); Delegate-at-Large, 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services; Director, Institute on Political Journalism, Georgetown University; former Senior Editor, The World & I (Alexandria, VA)
- J. MICHAEL FARRELL (1990-1993)**
NCLIS Chairman (1992-93); Member, Rules Committee, 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services; Attorney at Law (Washington, DC)
- WANDA L. FORBES (1985-1988; 1988-1993)**
Former School Librarian; former Member, South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (Columbia, SC)
- MARY FURLONG (1994-2000)**
CEO and founder, Third Age Media, Inc. and Senior Net (San Francisco, CA)
- FRANK GANNON (1986-1990)**
President, Frank Gannon Productions; former Editor, *Saturday Review* (New York, NY)
- MARTIN GOLAND (1971-1977)**
President, Southwest Research Institute (Deceased 1997)
- JOAN H. GROSS (1978-1982)**
Psychotherapist; former Assistant for Public Affairs, New York City, Department of Housing, Preservation and Development (Northampton, MA)
- ELINOR H. HASHIM (1981-1986)**
NCLIS Chairman (1982-1986); Chairman Emeritus (1986-); Interim Executive Director (1986); Government Relations Officer and Program Director, Special Libraries, OCLC, Inc. (Newington, CT)
- PAULETTE H. HOLAHAN (1980-1985)**
Deputy Judicial Administrator for Public Information, Louisiana Supreme Court (New Orleans, LA)
- CLARA STANTON JONES (1978-1982)**
Former Director, Detroit Pubic Library; Former President, American Library Association (Oakland, CA)
- JOHN E. JUERGENSMEYER (1982-1987)**
Attorney, Juergensmeyer and Associates (Elgin, IL)
- NORMAN KELINSON (1992-1995)**
President, Universal Financial Services (Davenport, IA)

- JOHN KEMENY (1971-1973)**
President, Dartmouth College (Deceased 1992)
- FRANCIS KEPPEL (1979-1983)**
Director, Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies (Deceased 1990)
- BYRON LEEDS (1982-1986)**
Vice President, Post Graphics, Inc. (Flander, NJ)
- MARIAN P. LEITH (1976-1980)**
Assistant Director and Federal Program Director, North Carolina State Library (Salinas, CA)
- LOUIS A. LERNER (1971-1972; 1972-1977)**
Publisher, Lerner Home Newspapers (Deceased 1985)
- BEN-CHIEH LIU (1991-1993)**
Professor of Management and Information Science, Chicago State University (Lisle, IL)
- JOHN G. LORENZ (1971-1975 while representing the Librarian of Congress)**
Acting NCLIS Executive Director (1990); Coordinator, NCLIS Library Statistics Program (1987-1997); Deputy Librarian of Congress; Acting Librarian of Congress (Cranberry Township, PA)
- FRANK J. LUCCHINO (1994-1999)**
Controller, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania (Pittsburgh, PA)
- JAMES E. LYONS (1991-1993)**
Publisher, University Press of America, Inc. (President, University Press of America: Washington, DC)
- BESSIE BOEHM MOORE (1971-1973; 1973-1978; 1979-1983; 1984-1988)**
NCLIS Vice Chairman (1972-1988); NCLIS Vice Chairman Emeritus (1988-); Vice Chair, 1979 White House Conference on Library and Information Services; Advisory Committee Member, 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services; Former Executive Director, State Council on Economic Education (Deceased 1995)
- L. QUINCY MUMFORD (1971-1975)**
Librarian of Congress (Deceased 1982)
- FRANCES H. NAFTALIN (1978-1982)**
President, Minneapolis Public Library Board (Minneapolis, MN)
- GEORGE H. NASH (1987-1990)**
Author, historian, and biographer of Herbert Hoover (South Hadley, MA)

JERALD C. NEWMAN (1982-1987; 1987-1992)
NCLIS Chairman (1987-1990); Advisory Committee Member, 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services; President, Transnational Commerce Corporation (North Woodmere, NY)

RAYMOND J. PETERSEN (1988-1991)
 Executive Vice President, Hearst Magazines (New York, NY)

MARGARET PHELAN (1985-1989)
Acting NCLIS Executive Director (1988); President, Phelan Business Research (Shawnee Mission, KS)

CHARLES E. REID (1988-1993)
NCLIS Chairman (1990-1992); Chairman Emeritus (1992-); Vice Chairman, 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services; Senior Vice President, Prodevco Group (Ft. Lee, NJ)

RALPH A. RENICK (1975-1977)
 Vice President/News Director, WTVJ News (Deceased 1991)

KAY W. RIDDLE (1991-1995)
 Political activist; Board Member, Adams County Public Library System (Northglenn, CO)

CATHERINE D. SCOTT (1971-1976)
NCLIS Vice Chairman (1971-1972); Librarian, Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution (Washington, DC)

PHILIP A. SPRAGUE (1979-1983)
Advisory Committee Member, 1979 White House Conference on Library and Information Services; Associate Administrator for Management Assistance, Small Business Administration (Deceased 1999)

GARY NEIL SUDDUTH (1993-1997)
 President and CEO, Minneapolis Urban League (Deceased 1997)

ELEANOR H. SWAIM (1988-1989; 1989-1994)
NCLIS Vice Chair (1991-1993); Chairman, North Carolina State Library Commission (Salisbury, NC)

HORACE E. TATE (1978-1981)
 Georgia State Senator and Executive Director, Georgia Association of Educators (Atlanta, GA)

BARBARA J. H. TAYLOR (1986-1990; 1991-1995)
 Librarian General, Daughters of the American Revolution (Germantown, MD)

KENNETH Y. TOMLINSON (1986-1987)
NCLIS Chairman (1986-1987); Executive Editor, Reader's Digest (Middleburg, VA)

JOEL D. VALDEZ (1994-1999)

Senior Vice President for Business Affairs, University of Arizona (Tucson, AZ)

SALLY JO VASICKO (1987-1989)

Chairperson and Professor, Political Science Department, Ball State University
(Assistant Dean, University College, Ball State University; Muncie, IN)

JOHN E. VELDE, JR. (1971-1974; 1974-1979)

*Advisory Committee Member, 1979 White House Conference on Library and
Information Services; Velde, Roelfs and Company (Businessman; Omaha, NE)*

MARGARET S. WARDEN (1980-1984)

*Advisory Committee Member, 1979 White House Conference on Library and
Information Services; Member, Montana State Advisory Council for Libraries; former
Montana State Senator (Great Falls, MT)*

WILLIAM A. WELSH (1976-1988 while representing the Librarian of Congress)

Deputy Librarian of Congress (Bethesda, MD)

ROBERT S. WILLARD (1994; 1994-1998)

*Acting NCLIS Executive Director (1998); At-Large Delegate to the 1991 White House
Conference on Library and Information Services; Group Facilitator, 1979 White House
Conference; former Vice President, Government Relations, Lawyers Cooperative
Publishing (NCLIS Executive Director; University Park, MD)*

JULIA LI WU (1973-1978; 1982-1987; 1987-1992)

Head Librarian, Virgil Junior High School and President, Board of Directors, Los
Angeles Community College District (Los Angeles, CA)

MILDRED E. YOUNGER (1976-1980)

Member, Board of Directors, Los Angeles Library Association (Beverly Hills, CA)

ALFRED R. ZIPF (1971-1973)

Executive Vice President, Bank of America (Deceased 2000)

APPENDIX A: PUBLIC LAW 91-345 AS AMENDED

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[Laws in effect as of January 27, 1998]

TITLE 20--EDUCATION

CHAPTER 34--NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Sec. 1501. Congressional statement of policy

The Congress hereby affirms that library and information services adequate to meet the needs of the people of the United States are essential to achieve national goals and to utilize most effectively the Nation's educational resources and that the Federal Government will cooperate with State and local governments and public and private agencies in assuring optimum provision of such services.

Sec. 1502. Establishment

(a) Independent agency within executive branch

There is hereby established as an independent agency within the executive branch, a National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission").

Sec. 1503. Contributions

The Commission is authorized to accept, hold, administer, and utilize gifts, bequests, and devises of property, both real and personal, for the purpose of aiding or facilitating the work of the Commission. Gifts, bequests, and devises of money and proceeds from sales of other property received as gifts, bequests, or devises shall be deposited in the Treasury and shall be available for disbursement upon the order of the Commission.

Sec. 1504. Functions and powers

(a) Advice to President and Congress; studies and surveys, plans; annual report

The Commission shall have the primary responsibility for developing or recommending overall plans for, and advising the appropriate governments and agencies on, the policy set forth in section 1501 of this title. In carrying out that responsibility, the Commission shall--

- (1) advise the President and the Congress on the implementation of national policy by such statements, presentations, and reports as it deems appropriate;
- (2) conduct studies, surveys, and analyses of the library and informational needs of the Nation, including the special library and informational needs of rural areas, of economically, socially, or culturally deprived persons, and of elderly persons, and

the means by which these needs may be met through information centers, through the libraries of elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education, and through public, research, special, and other types of libraries;

(3) appraise the adequacies and deficiencies of current library and information resources and services and evaluate the effectiveness of current library and information science programs;

(4) develop overall plans for meeting national library and informational needs and for the coordination of activities at the Federal, State, and local levels, taking into consideration all of the library and informational resources of the Nation to meet those needs;

(5) be authorized to advise Federal, State, local, and private agencies regarding library and information sciences;

(6) promote research and development activities which will extend and improve the Nation's library and information-handling capability as essential links in national and international communications and cooperative networks;

(7) submit to the President and the Congress (not later than January 31 of each year) a report on its activities during the preceding fiscal year; and

(8) make and publish such additional reports as it deems to be necessary, including, but not limited to, reports of consultants, transcripts of testimony, summary reports, and reports of other Commission findings, studies, and recommendations.

(b) Advice to Director of Institute of Museum and Library Services

The Commission shall have the responsibility to advise the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services on general policies with respect to the duties, powers, and authority of the Institute of Museum and Library Services relating to library services, including--

- (1) general policies with respect to--
 - (A) financial assistance awarded under the Museum and Library Services Act [20 U.S.C. 9101 et seq.] for library services; and
 - (B) projects described in section 262(a)(4) of such Act [20 U.S.C. 9162(a)(4)]; and
- (2) measures to ensure that the policies and activities of the Institute of Museum and Library Services are coordinated with other activities of the Federal Government.

(c) Joint meeting with National Museum Services Board

- (1) The Commission shall meet not less than 1 time each year in a joint meeting with the National Museum Services Board, convened for purposes of providing advice on general policy with respect to financial assistance for projects described in section 262(a)(4) of such Act [20 U.S.C. 9162(a)(4)].
- (2) All decisions by the Commission and the National Museum Services Board with respect to the advice on general policy described in paragraph (1) shall be made by a 2/3 majority vote of the total number of the members of the Commission and the National Museum Services Board who are present.
- (3) A majority of the members of the Commission and a majority of the members of the National Museum Services Board shall constitute a quorum for the conduct

of business at official joint meetings of the Commission and the National Museum Services Board.

(d) Contract authority

The Commission is authorized to contract with Federal agencies and other public and private agencies to carry out any of its functions under subsection (a) of this section and to publish and disseminate such reports, findings, studies, and records as it deems appropriate.

(e) Hearings

The Commission is further authorized to conduct such hearings at such times and places as it deems appropriate for carrying out the purposes of this chapter.

(f) Cooperation with other agencies

The heads of all Federal agencies are, to the extent not prohibited by law, directed to cooperate with the Commission in carrying out the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 1505. Membership

(a) Appointment; terms of office; Chairman; vacancies

The Commission shall be composed of the Librarian of Congress, the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member), and fourteen members appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Five members of the Commission shall be professional librarians or information specialists, and the remainder shall be persons having special competence in or knowledge of the needs of our society for library and information services, at least one of whom shall be knowledgeable with respect to the technological aspects of library and information services and sciences, and at least one other of whom shall be knowledgeable with respect to the library and information service and science needs of the elderly. One of the appointive members of the Commission shall be designated by the President as Chairman of the Commission. A majority of members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for conduct of business at official meetings of the Commission. The terms of office of the appointive members of the Commission shall be five years, except that

(1) the term of office of any member of the Commission shall continue until the earlier of

(A) the date on which the member's successor has been appointed by the President; or

(B) July 19 of the year succeeding the year in which the member's appointed term of office shall expire, and

(2) a member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed only for the remainder of such term.

(b) Compensation; travel expenses

Members of the Commission who are not in the regular full-time employ of the United States shall, while attending meetings or conferences of the Commission or otherwise engaged in

the business of the Commission, be entitled to receive compensation at a rate fixed by the Chairman, but not exceeding the daily equivalent of the maximum rate authorized for a position above grade GS-15 of the General Schedule under section 5108 of title 5, for each day (including travel time) during which the members are engaged in the business of the Commission. While so serving on the business of the Commission away from their homes or regular places of business, they may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by section 5703 of title 5 for persons employed intermittently in the Government service.

(c) Professional and technical personnel

(1) The Commission is authorized to appoint, without regard to the provisions of title 5 covering appointments in the competitive service, such professional and technical personnel as may be necessary to enable it to carry out its function under this chapter.

(2) The Commission may procure, without regard to the civil service or classification laws, temporary and intermittent services of such personnel as is necessary to the extent authorized by section 3109 of title 5, but at rates not to exceed the rate specified at the time of such service for grade GS-18 in section 5332 of title 5, including travel time, and while so serving on the business of the Commission away from their homes or regular places of business they may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by section 5703 of title 5 for persons employed intermittently in the Government service.

Sec. 1506. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated \$911,000 for fiscal year 1992 and such sums as may be necessary for each succeeding fiscal year thereafter to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 91-345, July 20, 1970, 84 Stat. 440, 441, 442; Pub. L. 93-29, May 3, 1973, 87 Stat. 59; Pub. L. 102-95, Aug. 14, 1991, 105 Stat. 479; Pub. L. 104-208, Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-233, 3009-294, 3009-306, 3009-307.)

APPENDIX B: PUBLICATIONS, SPEECHES & PRESENTATIONS

PUBLICATIONS, FY 2000

Copies of selected Commission publications are available free of charge in limited quantities from the NCLIS office until supplies are exhausted. All electronic publications are available for downloading from the Commission's web site at <http://www.nclis.gov>.

Annual Report 1998-1999. GPO, 2000

Preliminary Assessment of the Proposed Closure of the National Technical Information Services (NTIS): A Report to the President and the Congress. GPO, March 2000

"U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science." *The Bowker Annual*, 45th Edition, Part 1, pp. 122-126. R. R. Bowker, 2000

Sister Libraries: A White House Millennium Council Project: Participants as of June 2000. NCLIS, June 2000 (brochure)

Kids and the Internet: The Promise and the Perils. GPO, 2000

SPEECHES AND PRESENTATIONS, FY 2000

October 19, 1999—Proposed Closing of NTIS, Depository Library Meeting (Judith Russell)

November 17, 1999—Measuring Up: Looking Beyond Circulation Statistics, Maryland Library Association Meeting (Denise Davis)

December, 23, 1999—Commencement Address, College of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland (Robert Willard)

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APPENDIX C: FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**National Commission on Libraries & Information Science
FY 2000 YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT****APPROPRIATED FUNDS: \$1,000,000**Obligations as of September 30, 2000¹

Staff Salaries	\$511,862
Commissioner Salaries	\$62,273
Benefits:	<u>\$131,940</u>
Total Pay Expenses	\$707,075
Consultants (Non-Government Services)	\$182,996
Total Personnel Expenses	\$890,071
Travel	\$78,165
Rent	\$128,346
Communications/Postage	\$28,362
Printing	\$22,575
Government Services	\$32,748
Non-Government Services	\$43,870
Supplies & Materials	\$24,644
Information Technology, Non-Capitalized	<u>\$38,221</u>
Total Non-Personnel Expenses	\$396,931
TOTAL	\$1,287,002

NON-APPROPRIATED FUNDS: \$395,858

Obligations as of September 30, 2000

National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)	\$224,982
Department of State	<u>\$100,000</u>
TOTAL	\$324,982

CONSOLIDATED OBLIGATIONS**TOTAL \$1,611,984**

¹ As reported to the Office of Management and Budget in November 2000; subsequent adjustments and corrections increased the direct obligations of appropriated funds to \$1,294,000 and total obligations to \$1,629,000.

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